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Re: AUDIT OF UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY'S INCENTIVE PLAN ACCOUNT (IPA) FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2000, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2001. Docket No. 01-00704

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed is an original and thirteen copies of the Attorney General's Motion for Leave to Submit Pre-mediation Statement on June 19, 2003. We are forwarding copies of same to all parties of record. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (615) 741-1376. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell T. Perkins

Deputy Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: Randal Gilliam, Hearing Officer

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY, a Division of ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION INCENTIVE PLAN ACCOUNT (IPA) AUDIT)	DOCKET NO. 01-00704

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SUBMIT PRE-MEDIATION STATEMENT ON JUNE 19, 2003

The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("CAPD") of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office moves this Court for leave to lodge its Pre-Mediation Statement with Director Tate on June 19, 2003.

In support of this request, the CAPD submits the following:

- 1. This matter is set for mediation on July 22, 2003.
- 2. The CAPD's pre-mediation statement was due on June 16, 2003.
- 3. On June 16, 2003, Atmos submitted its pre-mediation statement and the CAPD received an informal extension until June 18, 2003.
- 4. On June 18, 2003, the CAPD was not able to submit the statement or file a motion for extension because of Mr. Perkins' unexpected need to be involved in finalizing an important tobacco-related settlement. The date for finalizing this settlement was moved up.
- The CAPD's confidential pre-mediation statement is being delivered directly to Director
 Tate. The CAPD respectfully urges that Atmos will not be prejudiced.

Mr. Perkins apologizes to the parties and Director Tate for any inconvenience that this may have caused and requests that the CAPD's late-filed statement be received.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL T. PERKINS

Deputy Attorney General

Date

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 19, 2003, a true and exact copy of the foregoing document has been mailed, first class U.S. postage prepaid, and faxed to the following:

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